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SUBJ: UPPER HOUSE PROCLAMATION ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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1. FURTHER EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN THE SENATE'S "PROCLAMATION" ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION BY SENATE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN VAN HUYEN'S TWO-MINUTE APPEARANCE ON GVN TELEVISION AT 2030 SEPTEMBER 22 TO READ THE TEXT OF THE PROCLAMATION.
2. THE ADMINISTRATION'S ACQUIESCENCE IN USE OF PRIME TV TIME STRENGHTENS OUR IMPRESSION THAT THIEU NOW REGARDS "PROCLAMATION" AS RELATIVELY ACCEPTABLE. INDEED ITS TEMPERATE CRITICISM OF THE UNCONTESTED ELECTION STRIKES A MODERATING NOTE AMID THE MILITANT PROTESTS BEING HEARD FROM OPPOSITION AND DISSIDENT FACTIONS. AIRING OF "PROCLAMATION" BY HUYEN ALSO GIVES ELEMENT OF CREDIBILITY TO THIEU'S STATEMENT THAT OPPOSITION VIEWS TO HIS REELECTION WOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

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